

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: Arne Hengerer et al.
Application No.: 09/784,721
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Quality Control of Medical Point of Care Laboratory
Measuring Data
Examiner: Christopher L. Gilligan
Art Unit: 3626

Amendment

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioners for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2006 for which a shortened statutory period of three months ending August 18 was set in which to respond, Applicants respectfully request a one month extension of time ending September 18, 2006. The following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

Please charge the fee for the extension of time and any other fee associated with this amendment to deposit account 19-2179.

Applicants submit that in view of the attached Certificate of Mailing this response is timely

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.